# Moro language

**Moro** is a <u>Niger–Congo</u> language in the <u>Heiban</u> family spoken by the Moro people in the Nuba Mountains of Kordofan, Sudan.

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#### **Dialects**

There are 7 dialects of Moro (Guest 1997a).<sup>[3]</sup> <u>Ethnologue</u> names are given in parentheses.<sup>[4]</sup>

- Laiyənia or Layenia<sup>[5]</sup> (Laiyen)
- Tobe relda or Thetogovela<sup>[6]</sup> (Toberelda, Umm Gabralla)
- Ulaba (Ulba)
- Lənəbwa (Nubwa)
- Ndərria or Ndërria<sup>[5]</sup> (Nderre)
- Ləmwarəŋ (Dhimorong; = Werria)
- Ləŋorəban (Longorban, Umm Dorein)

Moro		
Dhimorong		
Region	Nuba Hills, Sudan	
Ethnicity	Moro Nuba	
Native speakers	(30,000 cited 1982) <sup>[1]</sup>	
Language	Niger–Congo	
family	<ul><li>Atlantic— Congo</li></ul>	
	■ Talodi– Heiban	
	<ul><li>Heiban</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>West Heiban</li></ul>	
	■ Moro	
Language codes		
ISO 639-3	mor	
Glottolog	moro1285 (htt	
	p://glottolog.o	
	rg/resource/lan	
	guoid/id/moro12 85) <sup>[2]</sup>	

Each dialect corresponds to a separate clan, except for Ləmwarəŋ and Ləŋorəban, which are amalgamated into a single clan known as the Wërria. Thus, there is a total of 6 different clans.

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- Notes on Language Use in the Moro Community in Khartoum (http://www.rogerblench.info/Language/Niger-Congo/Kordofanian/Moro/SIL-moro.pdf)

# **External links**

Moro Language Project (UCSD) (http://moro.ucsd.edu/)

- Moro Story Corpus (UC Berkeley) (http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/moro/#/)
- Moro materials (Roger Blench and Elizabeth Guest) (http://www.rogerblench.info/Language/Niger-Congo/Kordofanian/Moro/Moro%20page.htm)

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